With one of the Professors of the Theo. Sem. he concerted a plan for a great Colonization meeting, to be held in Boston in May next some time during the week of the religious Anniversaries. Special care is to be taken to get popular Laymen and distinguished Clergymen from each of the New England States, and also from the Middle and Southern States, pledged to sustain the meeting & attend public to the soon in a way to secure the attendance of all who at all favor the Colonization scheme. In reference to gentlemen to invite from the South such are to be selected as will not offend New England prejudices. Since the decline of the Anti Slavery spirit at the Clergyman from fear of their people, they confidently expect to secure all the piety and intelligence of the North in support of African Colonization & active in opposition to Anti Slavery. This information may seem gratuitous but it occurred to me that a knowledge of their movements might suggest some efficient for arousing the Anti Slavery spirit of the community to meet them & ours. I write to you in entire confidence as I would talk with you by our fireside.

In relation to the subject of your communication we may be able to do something in the way next Summer as that season would be decidedly more favorable for such an enterprise than the present

I remain with much respect Yours &c.
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Mr. Phelps

Sir, I received your letter of the 22d. inst. and regret exceedingly to say that under existing circumstances your proposition seems impracticable. The members of our Society are scattered over so wide a surface that but a very small number indeed would be able, at this season, to assist in making the necessary preparations. There is too, I fear a prejudice against the mode of raising money, amongst those of our public who would be most likely to aid us in principle. That so large a proportion of the residents in the Village are opposed to our enterprise, that to succeed, a Sale must be made more attractive than our facilities admit of. The Ladies connection with the Slat organization recently held at Lowell in our Village, the proceeds of which are devoted to the Refugees in Canada They do not, as we understand, cooperate with the Asso. Soc. this season.

The Rev. Mr. Clark has recently lectured and taken up collection in behalf of the Colonization Soc. in this place. The result of his operation seems to be that they have no more to pay from Abolitionists. Ministers he says do not as formerly clear him their pulpits, and the amount of money collected is greater the present than in any preceding year